

Point.¹ On August 9, Colonels McDougall and Clinton were promoted to the rank of brigadier-generals.

Barnardus Swartwout, of Poughkeepsie Precinct, a brother of Cornelius, who was second lieutenant in Captain Sebastian Bauman's artillery company, having been appointed on July 25, 1776, a captain to command an infantry company, was authorized on the same day "to enlist three sergeants, three corporals, one drummer, one fifer, and fifty privates to serve in the state of the colony until the last of December, unless sooner discharged." The men were promised ten dollars bounty at their first mustering, and ten at their second, in addition to their monthly pay of fifty-three shillings and four pence. The equipment of each man was "a good gun, or musquet, a cartridge-box, and other accoutrements, and one blanket," and every sixth man was provided with a camp-kettle.

As ordered, the company marched on Monday, August 5, from Poughkeepsie to Fishkill, and on the following day to Peekskill, where, on Wednesday, one day's allowance of pork was issued to the men.

The specified daily ration of a soldier in continental service at that time was three quarters of a pound of pork, or one pound of beef or of salt fish, one pound of flour or of bread, three pints of peas or of beans weekly, one pint of milk or one penny in lieu thereof, one pint of Indian meal or of rice weekly, twenty-four pounds of soft or eight of hard soap to every hundred men weekly, and candles for men on guard-duty at night.

Leaving Peekskill on Wednesday, August 7, Captain Barnardus Swartwout's company reached Lent and Chace's Landing late in the afternoon of the same day. Proceeding on Sunday thence southward by short marches, it arrived on Tuesday evening of the following week at "headquarters," near King's Bridge, where it joined Colonel Jacobus Swartwout's regiment of Dutchess County minute-men.²

Not long thereafter, it is probable, that the Dutchess County company, of which Cornelius van Wyck was captain, also joined the regiment commanded by Colonel Jacobus Swartwout. Among the men who had enlisted in it, evidently in July, was Jacobus, the eldest son of Captain Cornelius and Elizabeth Ter Bos Swartwout of Rombout Precinct.

By the order of General Washington, Major-General William Heath, on August 17, took command of the troops and posts at the north end of Manhattan Island and on the opposite side of King's Bridge. Two brigades, one commanded by Brigadier Thomas Mifflin and the other by Brigadier-General

¹ The New York continental line of the army of the Revolution. By Asa Bird Gardner. Magazine of American history, vol. vii., p. 404.

² Memoranda of Captain Barnardus Swartwout.